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Claims 1-5, 10-14, 17, and 18 have been canceled in view of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet Andres, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0867. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

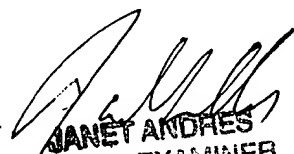
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D., can be reached at (571) 272-0871. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306. Communications via internet mail regarding this application, other than those under U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [yvonne.eyler@uspto.gov].

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